



# DISTRICT ONE

## ONE DISTRICT - ONE COMMUNITY

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**February 2005**

### **Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan Allocates Funding for the Living Legends of Literacy Tour**

On Thursday, February 3, the Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution that allocates District Reserve Funds to "Be Still and Know Incorporated," for its support of the Living Legends of Literacy Tour to four schools located in District One. The measure sponsored by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, kicks off during Black History Month and will give \$4,000 to Bunche Park, Opa-Locka, Myrtle Grove, and Norland elementary schools for its "Embrace the Zone" initiative, an innovative approach to public education designed to promote high achievement while eliminating low student performance.

"I'm willing to do whatever it takes to raise the bar in student achievement," said Commissioner Jordan. "This is a great opportunity for me to help the students in District One enhance their reading skills. We have wonderful individuals who have made awesome accomplishments in the arena of literacy and that will drive our children toward greatness."

During Commissioner Jordan's campaign for County Commission, she learned through surveys, community forums, and door-to-door interaction with the community, that education was top priority for District One. With more than 39 low-performing schools in Miami-Dade County, the Living Legends of Literacy Tour will help inspire children by exposing them to successful individuals who encourage them to rise above ignorance, poverty, and low self-esteem. The school system will also provide books and necessary materials to support the tour.

The tour, which has been placed on a prescriptive plan for student improvement by the Miami-Dade School System, kicks off during in the month of February and will include Tommy Ford, Author Eloise Greenfield, Illustrator Jan Spivey Gilchrist, and Artist Ashley Bryan. They will spend one week at the designated schools and public libraries to read to the students, as well as, encourage them to develop a love and appreciation for reading.



**Commissioner Jordan with Tommy Ford  
During a visit in District One**

### **Teacher of the Year Recognized During Special Celebration Hosted by Commissioner Jordan**

On Thursday, February 10, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan was joined by Miami-Dade Public School officials, administrators, District leaders and school personnel to honor the two Teacher of the Year honorees, both from District one schools.

The special recognition program, which was spearheaded by Commissioner Jordan, paid tribute to the dedicated teachers. The event was held at Carol City Senior High School and recognized **Fredrick Ingram, 2006 Teacher of the Year from Carol City Senior High School**, and Tanisha Cidel, first runner-up from Miami Norland Middle School.



Students from Miami Norland Middle School were bussed over to Carol City Senior High to participate at the event.

During the ceremony, Commissioner Jordan awarded Fredrick Ingram, 2006 Teacher of the Year with a special proclamation on behalf of Miami-Dade County. Tanisha Cidel, the first runner-up and Albert Payne, Miami Carol City Senior High Principal, also received special commendations.

**Additionally, Commissioner Jordan presented Mr. Payne with a larger-than-life size check in the amount of \$1,000 for the Carol City Senior High School Marching Band.**

"I am honored to recognize these two talented teachers who, thanks to their hard work and dedication, are helping to enrich the lives of children within our district," said Commissioner Jordan. "By getting a good education, our children have many more opportunities to succeed and become productive members of our society."

**ZETAS HONOR  
COMMISSIONER BARBARA J. JORDAN  
DURING THEIR 33<sup>RD</sup>  
CHAPTER'S ANNIVERSARY**

By Gigi Tinsley - Gtinsley@miamitimesonline.com

On Saturday, February 26th, 2005, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Eta Nu Zeta Chapter held its annual Awards Luncheon and celebrated their 33<sup>rd</sup> Chapter's anniversary. The event was held at the Albert & Sadie Smith Conference Center on the campus of Florida Memorial College.

The guest speaker was Minister Juvaïs J. Harrington, president of the Miami-Dade Chapter of the NAACP.

The Exemplary Honorees were: Dr. Rudolph F. "Rudy" Crew, superintendent of Miami-Dade Public Schools, represented Lt. Darling; Angela Gittens, former director of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department; Rev. Henry E. Green, JR., pastor of Mount Hermon African Methodist Episcopal Church represented at the end of the program by Rev. Robert Thompson; Barbara J. Jordan, Miami-Dade County Commissioner of District 1; Annie R. Neasman, president/CEO of Economic Development Family Health Center; and Robert Parker, director of Miami-Dade Police Department;



Rev. Robert Thompson for Rev. Henry Green; Lt. Darling for Superintendent DCPS, Dr. Rudy Crew; Juvaïs Harrington, NAACP; Robert Parker, Director Miami-Dade police Department. Seated (L-R): Annie R. Neasman, pres./CEO EOFHC; Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, M-D District 1; and Angela Gittens, former Director of M-D Aviation Department

The awards presenters were: Nathalee Poller, executive chairperson; Franze Canell, first vice president; Farrah J. Cason, chapter's treasurer; Patricia Louis, second vice president; Chandra McKinney, Awards Committee; and Viola Holmes, chapter's parliamentarian.

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc was organized at Howard University on January 16, 1920. The sisters were encouraged to organize by Charles Taylor and Langston Taylor so that the Sigma brothers would have a sisters group for the fraternity. The Zetas and Sigmas became the first official Greek letter sister and brother organization.

**Neighbors and Neighbors Association  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mom and Pop Small Business  
Award Banquet  
Business of the Year Recipient in District 1**

The first Annual Small Business Mom and Pop Grant Program Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 6:00pm, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, District One, had the honor of presenting the *Mom and Pop Business of the Year Award to King's Kids Christian Academy*, located in her district. The Award is presented to the Miami-Dade County Mom and Pop Grant Award Recipient which demonstrated the most advancement and improvement in the past year. King's Kids Christian Academy under the direction of Ms. Arilicia Williams, moved from being a home-based business into a new facility and created three new jobs for formerly low-income employees. The Academy also earned pre-approval for the Miami-Dade County Commercial Revitalization Program and was awarded \$5,000 from the District Discretionary Fund.



(L-R): Comm. Jordan, Arilicia & Derick Williams, King's Kid Academy  
Leroy Jones, NANA

The Commissioner also presented *Outstanding Business Award in District 1 to Country Corner Produce*. The Outstanding Business in each district is chosen on the basis of some or all of the following considerations: ability to give back to the community by sometimes offering free goods or services, providing employment opportunities to District residents, ability to receive contracts from local government departments or applying for other government assistance, and volunteering time or making financial contributions to other small businesses in need.



(L-R): James Dixon, Comm. Jordan, Mr. Dixon Jr..  
(seated) Ms. June Appling, Country Corner Shop



### **Coalition of Elected Officials Work Together to Move the Community Forward**

MIAMI, FL -- Thanks largely to the efforts of Congressman Kendrick B. Meek and Miami-Dade District One Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, a coalition of elected officials met on February 28th in the Congressman's district office to discuss issues that impact citizens in their respective districts.

The two hour long meeting included topics ranging from HIV/AIDS, the loss of health clinics in public schools and state budget cuts in affordable housing programs to the North MetroRail Transit Corridor, the FCAT, South Florida Workforce issues and Opa-Locka Law Enforcement.

The brainchild of Commissioner Jordan, the coalition represents a broad gamut of elected officials representing North Dade on a local, state and federal level. Joining Congressman Meek and Commissioner Jordan were State Senator Frederica Wilson – District 33, State Representative Wilbert “Tee” Holloway – District 103, State Representative Yolly Roberson – District 104, School Board Member Robert Ingram and Mayor Joseph L. Kelley – City of Opa-Locka.

Commissioner Jordan thanked Congressman Meek for hosting what will be a continued collaborative effort to develop and promote an agenda for District One and Northern Dade County.

Each member of the coalition left the meeting with useful information to assist them with moving their individual agendas, but more importantly, the group agreed on certain priority action steps that could be pursued collectively. The first action item is to convene a meeting with the Miami Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership, the county planning board responsible for setting priorities and allocating funds for Ryan White Title I HIV/AIDS services, to discuss priority areas, funding categories and service gaps in communities most affected by this epidemic.

“We are the voices of the community, and each of us is made stronger if we speak as often as possible as one voice, pursuing a common agenda, with a common vision of the future,” said Congressman Meek.



### **Public Notice District Responsive Grants - Requests for Proposals**

The Alliance for Human Services, in partnership with Miami-Dade County, announces the release of the Requests for Proposals (RFP) to address the social service priorities of Miami-Dade County residents in each Commission District. Pursuant to funding availability, selected applicants will enter into a formal contract with Miami-Dade County for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2005. It is strongly recommended that applicants attend the Pre-Proposal Bidders' Conference(s) nearest to their district

#### **In District One**

**North Dade Regional Library,**  
2455 NW 183rd Street, Miami,  
(305) 625-6424

**March 8, 2005, 2:00pm-5:00pm**

Please contact the Alliance at (305) 646-7138 if you require any special accommodations in order to participate.

Applications will be available beginning at 10AM  
on March 3, 2005,  
for District 1,  
at the following locations:

**Opa-Locka Neighborhood Service Center**  
**16405 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Opa-Locka**  
**Tel: (305) 623-6500**

Alliance for Human Services  
3250 SW Third Avenue, 6th Floor, Miami  
(305) 646-7138

**Applications must be submitted by 10:00am  
on Monday, April 4, 2005  
to the Miami-Dade Office of the Clerk  
Stephen P. Clark Government Center,  
111 NW First Street, 17th Floor.** This bid solicitation is  
subject to the "Cone of Silence" in accordance with County  
Ordinance No. 98-106

### THE ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY CENTER OFFERS FREE BUSINESS SEMINARS

3050 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 201, Miami, FL 33137 - **Telephone 305 579-2730** call 5 days prior to class for sign language interpreters or accessible materials  
 Business Seminars are divided into EMERGING BUSINESS SERIES (1) & EXPANDING BUSINESS SERIES (2). Please call for confirmations.  
 Los Seminarios están divididos en Negocios Emergentes (1) y Negocios en Crecimiento (2). Favor llamar para confirmar su participación.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
	<b>1</b> 12:00-1:00pm Financing a Small Business/ACCION (1)  2:00-3:00 PM Estrategias del Mercadeo/Hialeah Dade (1)	<b>2</b> 10:00am-12:00pm Minority Business Development Center Seminar  12:00-1:00pm Introduction to Business Plans/Culmer (1)	<b>3</b> 12:00-1:00pm Marketing Tips for a Small Business/Thodde (1)  1:00-4:00pm Business Taxes/ Florida Dep. Revenue (1)	<b>4</b> 12:00-1:00pm How to Prepare & Present your Small Business to a Lender/Florida Capital Solutions (1)  1:00-2:00pm South Florida Workforce Programs Seminar	<b>5</b> 8:30am-12:30 pm How to Start a Successful Business/ García CPA (1)
<b>7</b> 12:00-1:00 PM Financiamiento de un Negocio Pequeño/ ACCION (1)	<b>8</b> 11:00am-12:00pm Commercial Loan Programs/Alfonso (2)  5:00-6:00 PM Compre Casas Reposeídas sin Crédito/Tur (2) 6:00-7:00 PM Financiamiento de Casas Reposeídas sin Crédito/Tur (2)	<b>9</b> 10:00am-12:00pm Minority Business Development Center Seminar  1:00-2:00 PM Presupuesto y Crédito de un Negocio/Wells Fargo (1)	<b>10</b> 12:00-1:00 PM Desarrollando el Plan de Negocio/Thodde (1)  1:00-3:00 PM Impuestos de Venta y Uso/FL Dep. Revenue (1)	<b>11</b> 12:30-1:30 PM Impuestos para Corporaciones S/IRS García CPA (2)  1:30-2:30 PM Programas del South Florida Workforce Seminario	<b>12</b> 8:30 AM-12:30 PM Comience un Negocio con Éxito/García PA (1)
<b>14</b> 1:00-4:00pm Introduction to Fourth Generation Management/ IEE (2)	<b>15</b> 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Prestamos Comerciales/Alfonso (2)  5:00-6:00pm Buy Foreclosures Without Credit/Tur (2) 6:00-7:00pm Finance Foreclosures without Credit/Tur (2)	<b>16</b> 6:00-7:00pm How to Obtain Free Publicity/Ortiz	<b>17</b> 12:00-1:00pm Introduction to Grants/Grants to Go (2)  1:00-2:00 PM Reverse Mortgages /Wells Fargo (2)	<b>18</b> 12:30-1:30pm Business Taxes for S Corporations/ IRS García CPA (2)  1:30-2:30pm Unemployment Taxes/FI Dep. Revenue (2)	<b>19</b> 10:00am-12:00pm Mortgagees & Lines of Credit/ABCO (2)
<b>21</b> 1:00-4:00pm Building a Logic of Competition/ IEE (2)	<b>22</b> 5:00-6:00 PM Compre Casas Reposeídas sin Crédito/Tur (2) 6:00-7:00 PM Financiamiento de Casas Reposeídas sin Crédito/Tur (2)	<b>23</b> 10:00am-12:00pm Minority Business Development Center Seminar 12:00-1:00pm ABC's of Government Contracts/Iglesias (2)	<b>24</b> 12:00-1:00 PM Introducción a Propuestas/Grants to Go (2)  1:00-2:00 PM ABC's de Contratos Gubernamentales/Iglesias (2)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00AM-12:00PM Hipotecas y Líneas de Crédito ABCO (2)
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:00-1:00pm Market Research/Beacon Council (2)	<b>30</b> 10:00am-12:00pm Minority Business Development Center Seminar	<b>31</b>		

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